

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1) – 28) Cancelled

29. (currently amended) A filter aid for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, the filter aid comprising a comminuted form of a compounded polymer obtained by compounding

a) 20-95% by weight of a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyolefins and polyamides; and

b) 80-5% by weight of at least one further substance selected from the group consisting of silicates, carbonates, oxides, ~~silica gel, kieselguhr~~, diatomaceous earth, ~~polyvinylpyrrolidone~~ polyvinylpolypyrrolidone and mixtures thereof.

30. (currently amended) The filter aid of claim 29, wherein the further substance b) is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal carbonates, alkali earth metal carbonates, alkali metal hydrogen carbonates, alkali earth metal hydrogencarbonates, oxides of subgroup 4 of the Periodic Table of the Elements, and oxides of main group 3 of the Periodic Table of the Elements, ~~and polyvinylpyrrolidone~~.

31. (previously presented) The filter aid of claim 29, wherein the at least one additional substance b) is polyvinylpolypyrrolidone.

32. (previously presented) The filter aid of claim 29, wherein the filter aid comprises at least two additional substances b).

33. (previously presented) A process for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises adding to the liquid the filter aid of claim 29, and filtering the aqueous liquid.

34. (previously presented) A process for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises adding to the liquid the filter aid of claim 30, and filtering the aqueous liquid.

35. (previously presented) A process for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises adding to the liquid the filter aid of claim 31, and filtering the aqueous liquid.

36. (previously presented) A process for filtering and stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises adding to the liquid the filter aid of claim 32, and filtering the aqueous liquid.

37. (previously presented) The process of claim 33 wherein the aqueous liquid is a fruit juice or a fermented beverage.

38. (previously presented) The process of claim 37 wherein the fermented beverage is beer.

39. (previously presented) The filter aid of claim 29 wherein the comminuted filter aid is in the form of non-spheroidal particles.

40. (previously presented) The filter aid of claim 29, wherein the compounded polymer comprises 60-90% by weight of a) and 40-10% by weight of b).